

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 3, as follows.

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5 A web browser and a web server are disclosed that accommodate a time stamp parameter and allow a user to refer to any Web address with a precise target time. The disclosed Web browser can optionally include a mechanism to facilitate the specification of the desired date and time, or the user can manually append the time stamp to the URL indicated in the "Location" window of the browser. The persistent Web server (i) receives URLs containing a time stamp, a relative time-stamp or a variable time-stamp, (ii) retrieves

10 the correct Web page(s) from an archive, and (iii) returns the desired page(s) or links to the client. In one embodiment, the persistent Web server (i) receives URLs containing a time stamp, (ii) retrieves a base Web page corresponding to the requested page from the archive, (iii) modifies the base Web page to update embedded hyperlinks to incorporate the same time stamp as the requested Web page and (iv) returns the updated page as the requested

15 page to the client. The persistent Web server interprets the extracted URL in accordance with the selected time stamp format. In addition, the persistent Web server includes a persistent archive for storing all of the versions of Web resources that will be persistently available to Web users. The present invention ensures that a time-stamped reference to any Web resource refers to the desired material. In this manner, anyone doing historical research

20 on the Web can retrieve any information that is valid in any period of time.